GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
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Reservation of Seats for PG Courses
Ahlawat Smt. Santosh

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of WHO report stating that a staggering 70 per cent of the rural population has minimal access to healthcare;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government has recently proposed 50 per cent reservation of seats for Post Graduate courses in Government medical colleges for those who have served at least three years in public healthcare institutions in remote and difficult areas and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a)& (b): The WHO Country office has informed that there has been no such report in the recent past.
(c) This Ministry had prepared a draft Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 which, inter-alia, proposed for insertion of a new section to provide for the following:

" Upto 50% of the seats in Post Graduate Courses in Government Colleges may be reserved by the appropriate State Governments/UTs for Medical Officers in the Government services, who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas. After acquiring the PG Degree, the Medical Officers may further be required to serve for a period up to three years in remote and/or difficult areas by the State Governments/UTs concerned".

The draft amendment bill was hosted on the Ministry's website for feedback/comments from General Public. Around one lakh responses/e-mails have been received.

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